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1. PARAGUAYAN REACTION TO THE COUP ATTEMPT IN VENEZUELA WAS SWIFT AND FORCEFUL. FOREIGN MINISTER ALEXIS FRUTOS VAESKEN STATED: "THE IMPORTANT THING IS THAT THIS ATTEMPT TO SUBVERT THE DEMOCRATIC ORDER HAS FAILED AND THE COUNTRIES OF LATIN AMERICA HAVE ONCE MORE DEMONSTRATED OPPOSITION TO ANY ACT OF THIS TYPE." FRUTOS ALSO CONFIRMED THAT THE RIO GROUP, MEETING IN BUENOS AIRES NEXT WEEK, WOULD CONDEMN THE COUP AND REAFFIRM THE DECISIONS TAKEN BY THE OAS IN

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ITS SANTIAGO MEETING FOR THE PROTECTION OF DEMOCRACY.

2. PRESIDENT ANDRES RODRIGUEZ ALSO SENT A PERSONAL MESSAGE OF SUPPORT TO HIS VENEZUELAN COLLEAGUE. NEWS OF THE COUP COINCIDED WITH THE PRESENTATION OF CREDENTIALS BY THE NEW VENEZUELAN AMBASSADOR IN ASUNCION, ABEL CLAVIJO OSTOS, PROVIDING A VERY VISIBLE DEMONSTRATION OF PARAGUAYAN SUPPORT FOR GOVERNMENT OF CARLOS PEREZ.

3. THE ASUNCION PRESS ALSO CARRIED STATEMENTS FROM SENATE PRESIDENT GUSTAVO DIAZ DE VIVAR, CHAMBER OF DEPUTIES PRESIDENT JOSE ANTONIO MORENO RUFFINELLI, AND LIBERAL PARTY (PLRA) LEADER JUAN MANUEL BENITEZ FLORENTIN EXPRESSING THEIR CONCERN ABOUT THE COUP ATTEMPT AND THEIR AFFIRMATIONS OF SUPPORT FOR DEMOCRATIC INSTITUTIONS.

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